

## General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 397

February Session, 2022



## AN ACT CONCERNING LIBRARY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR HAVE OTHER DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 3 (a) The State Library Board may institute and conduct programs of 4 state-wide library service which may include, but need not be limited 5 to, (1) a cataloging and processing service to be available to libraries, (2) 6 the creation and maintenance of current and retrospective union 7 catalogs of books, union lists of serials and similar cooperative listings 8 of library materials, (3) a program of coordinated acquisitions, storage 9 and deposit of library materials, (4) the support and encouragement of 10 the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries and 11 to nonresident library patrons, (5) the provision of suitable high-speed 12 communications facilities, (6) the creation and maintenance of 13 bibliographic and regional reference centers, (7) the provision of 14 traveling collections of library materials and of book examination 15 centers, (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations service for 16 libraries, and (9) the creation and maintenance of a state-wide platform 17 for the distribution of electronic books to public library patrons.
- 18 (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more

- library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of those making inquiries.
- 22 (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law 23 library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court 24 Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents, 25 statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to 26 section 11-10b.
- 27 (d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library service 28 for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided for in 2 29 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b. The State Library Board shall 30 consult with the advisory board for the blind and physically disabled 31 and the Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the 32 commissioner's designee, before taking any action that may diminish or 33 substantively change the library services described in this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	11-1a

APP Joint Favorable Subst.